

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Case No. 25-mj-8123-BER

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

MIGUEL GERONIMO-GODINEZ,

Defendant.

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CRIMINAL COVER SHEET

1. Did this matter originate from a matter pending in the Northern Region of the United States Attorney's Office prior to August 8, 2014 (Mag. Judge Shaniek Mills Maynard)? Yes No
2. Did this matter originate from a matter pending in the Central Region of the United States Attorney's Office prior to October 3, 2019 (Mag. Judge Jared M. Strauss)? Yes No
3. Did this matter involve the participation of or consultation with now Magistrate Judge Eduardo I. Sanchez during his tenure at the U.S. Attorney's Office, which concluded on January 22, 2023? Yes No
4. Did this matter involve the participation of or consultation with now Magistrate Judge Marty Fulgueira Elfenbein during her tenure at the U.S. Attorney's Office, which concluded on March 5, 2024? Yes No

Respectfully submitted,

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Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of February 3, 2025 in the county of Palm Beach in the
Southern District of Florida, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section *Offense Description*
8 U.S.C. § 1326(a), (b)(2) Illegal Re-entry After Deportation or Removal.

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Mar 5, 2025

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This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attached Affidavit.

Continued on the attached sheet.


Complainant's signature

Sworn to and attested to me by applicant by telephone (Facetime) per the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P.4 (d) and 4.1.

Date: _____

Deportation Officer Andy Korzen, ICE

Printed name and title

Digitally signed by

Bruce Reinhart

Date: 2025.03.05

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Judge's signature

City and state: West Palm Beach, FL

Bruce E. Reinhart, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

**AFFIDAVIT
OF
ANDY KORZEN
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT**

I, Andy Korzen, being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I am a Deportation Officer with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and have been so employed for over twenty-one years. I am currently assigned to the ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations, West Palm Beach, Florida. My duties and responsibilities include enforcing criminal and administrative immigration laws of the United States. I have also conducted and participated in investigations of this nature.

2. This affidavit is based upon my own knowledge as well as information provided to me by other law enforcement officers. This affidavit does not set forth every fact known to me regarding the investigation but only those facts necessary to establish probable cause to believe that Miguel GERONIMO-GODINEZ, also known as Pedro GERONIMO-GODINEZ committed the offense of illegal re-entry after removal, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326(a) and (b)(2).

3. On or about September 4, 2013, in the Superior Court of the State of Delaware, in and for Sussex County, Miguel GERONIMO-GODINEZ was convicted of the offense of unlawful sexual contact first degree- two counts, for which he was sentenced to the custody of the Department of Corrections for eight years at supervision level five with credit for 260 days previously served, with balance of sentence suspended for five years. Miguel GERONIMO-GODINEZ was also among other conditions ordered to register as sex offender, case number 1212011671.

4. Prior to being convicted and sentenced, Miguel GERONIMO-GODINEZ completed and signed with the assistance of his attorney “Formulario de Admission de Culpabilidad y Pautas de Sentencia” a Spanish version of Admission of Guilt Form and Sentencing Guidelines, in which he indicated that he was warned that the penalty of above crime requires that he register as a sexual offender.

5. A review of the immigration records shows that Miguel GERONIMO-GODINEZ is a native and citizen of Guatemala. Records further show that on or about October 3, 2013, Miguel GERONIMO-GODINEZ was ordered removed. The Order of Removal was executed on or about October 17, 2013, whereby Miguel GERONIMO-GODINEZ was removed from the United States and returned to Guatemala.

6. On or about February 3, 2025, Miguel GERONIMO-GODINEZ was arrested in Palm Beach County, Florida on charge of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon- two counts. Miguel GERONIMO-GODINEZ provided his home address as 412 South D Street, Lake Worth Beach, Florida 33460. He was booked and detained at the Palm Beach County Jail.

7. On or about February 4, 2025, while in custody at the Palm Beach County Jail, Miguel GERONIMO-GODINEZ completed his initial registration as a sexual offender in the State of Florida.

8. On or about February 15, 2025, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) Detective N. Gomez interviewed A.C., who is a landlord of the property located at 412 South D Street, Lake Worth Beach, Florida 33460. A.C. stated that Miguel GERONIMO-GODINEZ resides in the garage located in the rear of the property. Miguel GERONIMO-GODINEZ has lived at that address for approximately one year. Miguel

GERONIMO-GODINEZ resides there with his son and Miguel GERONIMO-GODINEZ pays his rent in cash and receives mail regularly.

9. On or about February 15, 2025, PBSO detective N. Gomez interviewed Y.A. who is next door neighbor to 412 South D Street, Lake Worth Beach, Florida 33460. Y.A. was shown photograph of Miguel GERONIMO-GODINEZ which he recognized as his neighbor who resided there for approximately six months.

10. On February 17, 2025, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, certified that Miguel GERONIMO-GODINEZ's sexual offender registration on February 4, 2025, in Palm Beach County is the only registration in the State of Florida in the past three years.

11. U.S. Department of Homeland Security, HSI Forensic Laboratory Senior Fingerprint Specialist Dawn Strohmeyer conducted a fingerprint comparison in this case. The fingerprint comparison confirmed that the individual encountered on or about February 3, 2025, that is, Miguel GERONIMO-GODINEZ was the same person previously removed from the United States.

12. A record check was performed in the Computer Linked Application Informational Management System to determine if Miguel GERONIMO-GODINEZ filed an application for permission to reapply for admission into the United States after deportation or removal. After a search was performed in that database system, no record was found to exist indicating that Miguel GERONIMO-GODINEZ obtained consent from the Attorney General of the United States or from the Secretary of Homeland Security, for re-admission into the United States as required by law.

13. Based on the foregoing, I submit that probable cause exists to believe that, on or about February 3, 2025, Miguel GERONIMO-GODINEZ, an alien who has previously been deported and removed from the United States, was found in the United States without having received the express consent from the Attorney General or the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security for re-admission into the United States, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326(a) and (b)(2).



Andy Korzen
Deportation Officer
Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Sworn and Attested to me by Applicant by Telephone (Facetime) pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 4(d) and 4.1 this _____ day of March 2025.



Digitally signed by
Bruce Reinhart
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BRUCE E. REINHART
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

PENALTY SHEET

Defendant's Name: MIGUEL GERONIMO-GODINEZ

Case No: 25-mj-8123-BER

Count #: 1

Illegal Re-entry After Deportation or Removal

8 U.S.C. § 1326(a), (b)(2)

* **Max. Term of Imprisonment:** 20 years

* **Mandatory Min. Term of Imprisonment (if applicable):** N/A

* **Max. Supervised Release:** 3 years

* **Max. Fine:** \$250,000

* **Special Assessment:** \$100

*Refers only to possible term of incarceration, supervised release and fines. It does not include restitution, special assessments, parole terms, or forfeitures that may be applicable.